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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS EXHIBITION

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1. KHALIFA HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL SITE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE EXHIBITION. EVEN ASSUMING IT WILL BE READY BY APRIL-MAY, SAG AUTHORITIES DO NOT WISH TO SEE CONFERENCE HALL INAUGURATED WITH COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION.

2. WE ARE CONTINUING THE SEARCH FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SUITABLE FACILITY, BUT PROSPECTS NOT GOOD. IN THE MEANTIME, WE FEEL A CERTAIN IRONY IN THE SITUATION OF A CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS EXHIBITION UNABLE TO FIND A ROOF TO PUT OVER ITS HEAD. REF. C. ASKED ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF USING TENTS. IT NOW OCCURS TO US THAT WE COULD MAKE A VIRTUE OF NECESSITY IF COMMERCE COULD INCLUDE IN THE EXHIBITION A COMPANY DEALING IN MODULAR/PORTABLE STRUCTURES WITH THE CAPABILITY OF PROVIDING THE HOUSING OF THE EXHIBITION. BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT CRITICAL SQUEEZE ON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION HERE--PARTICULARLY FOR PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY HOUSING CONNECTED WITH MAJOR PROJECTS--SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT ONLY SOLVE OUR PROBLEM BUT COULD TURN OUT TO BE A REAL COUP.

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